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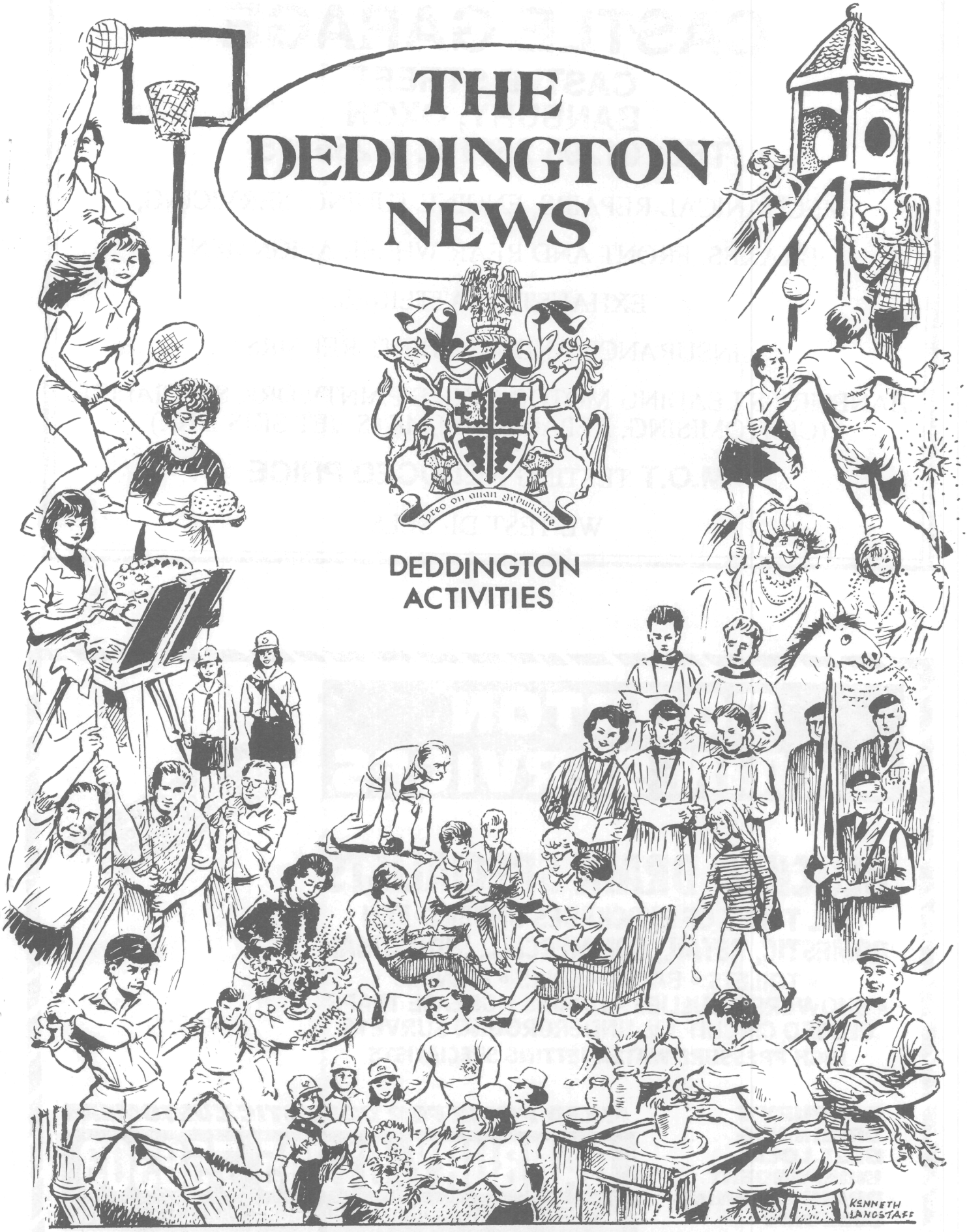

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EDITORIAL

My thanks to DN's first editor Mary Robinson for her contribution to this 20th anniversary issue (p.3) Reading it and browsing through that first number gave rise to a feeling of real appreciation: what a great place Deddington was and is. We have some exceptional amenities backed by a lot of people ready to give time and energy to the community. Which makes it all the more sad that the imagination of one small element does not rise above destruction (pp. 14, 15).

The autumn is getting off to a remarkable musical start (p.16) and entertainment for all tastes is in the pipeline, including first rumblings of our January panto (p.9). There are thought-provoking echoes of Deddington's past Fire Service (p.11); the present one is still desperate for support.

For some open-air action, how about one of those low-rent allotments waiting to produce unbeatably fresh produce (p.10)? And while on the subject of spadework, we'll be needing plenty on November 24 when we sow the first seeds, as it were, of Daeda's Wood (p.13).

The paper skip has migrated from the vicarage to the school playground (p..4) And you may be able to help with various requests. For example, a small commitment would make possible the re-launch of the Youth Club (p.8), and we could certainly do with it. At the other end of the age spectrum Deddington Day Care would welcome more hands (and wheels) (p.13). T-shirts are being sought on p.6. And have you seen a black cat (p.16)?

Finally, well done us (Stop Press p.16)!! Sylvie Spenceley

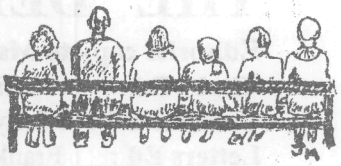
SEPTEMBER DIARY

Fridays		Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church 10 - 12.
Sundays		British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.
Fr	6	Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 3 - 4 pm
Fr	6	British Legion: Folk Night, 8.30 pm.
Sat	7	Cherwell Youth Sinfonia Concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm (p.16)
Sat	7	British Legion Harvest Festival and produce auction, 7.30 pm. (p.7)
Tu	10	WI: Mrs J Rendell, Behind the Chemist counter, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Sat	14	Sponsored Bicycle Ride, Oxon Historic Churches Trust. (July DN p.5)
Sat	14	Ben & Catherine Elvidge: free charity concert, Parish Church, 7.30 pm. (p.16)
Sat	14	British Legion: Moosehead, 8.45 pm.
Sat - Sun	14 - 15	Disability Info Fair, Upper Heyford, 11 am - 5 pm. (p.10)
Wed	18	U3A: Age Concern, Mr Alick Macnair, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	18	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Fr	20	British Legion: Galaxy Disco, 8.45 pm.
Tu	24	**COPY DATE FOR OCTOBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	25	Deddington Gardeners: Mr Hardy, The Herbaceous border, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p.9)
Sat	28	Royal British Legion 75th Anniversary celebration, Tequila, 8.30 pm. (p.12)
Mon	30	Friends of Hempton, AGM, Hempton Church, 7.45 pm.

OCTOBER DIARY.

Wed	2	U3A: A Touch of Butterflies, a slide presentation by Mr C Rivers, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm
Th	3	Banbury Art Society: Rob Ramsay, Water Colour technique, Church Hall, Marlborough Rd,7.30pm.
Fr	4	Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 3 - 4 pm.
Sat	5	Bowls Club Race Night, Steeple Aston Village Hall, 7.30 pm
Sun	6	Deddington Players meeting for all interested in the Panto, The Windmill Centre, 3 pm. (p.9)
Tu	8	WI: Mrs D Edginton, Fifty Years a Farmer's Wife, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm.
Wed	9	Deddington Gardeners: Gardeners' quiz, Aynho Village Hall.(p.9)
Tu	15	Adrian Snell Concert, Oxford Town Hall, 7.30 pm. (p.16)
Wed	16	U3A: Community Health Care, Mrs Clare Lament, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.
Wed	16	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Tu	22	**COPY DATE FOR NOVEMBER DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	30	U3A: Annual General Meeting and Cheese and Wine, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm.

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Notes on Parish Council Meeting held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 17 July: by Molly Neild, Acting Parish Affairs Corres.

Present: Cllrs Todd (Chairman), Brewer, Clarke, Clinch, Colley, Drake, Fisher, Flux, Hill, Lee, Oddy, Stevens and Swash Also Dist.Cllr Norman Matthews and 7 parishioners. Cllr Cosgrove sent his apologies.

RECREATION : 1. The playgrounds at the Windmill and Clifton had been inspected. the latter ground cultivated ready for Autumn. 2. A panel was ready to judge the Best Kept Allotment competition (see Golden Spade Award elsewhere in this issue).

ENVIRONMENT : 1. Agreed that the Village Steward would build flower baskets in the cemetery. 2. Complaints that the skip in Cosy Lane was too high and too full. 3. The lay-by near the Depot was an eyesore, requests received for it to be cleared every week. 4. Cllr Stevens had attended the Countryside Forum at Warriner Farm. 5. Discussion re a complaint that advertising boards on the green were obscuring motorists' vision. One sign catering for all village businesses suggested. Environment Committee to investigate further. 6. Re account for repairs to the clock, after discussion the Chairman said that it should be paid subject to expenses for the labour and parts having been incurred during the time when the clock was in the Council's charge. 7. Deddington had reached the final round of the Best Kept Village competition. 8. No information from Thames Water re survey of water pressures in the village. 9. Push chairs would not fit into Hempton bus shelter; suggested the stone holder nearby be reduced to make more room. 10. The response of the Association of Local Councils to the Government's Rural White paper to be photocopied & circulated to PC members for reference.

HIGHWAYS 1. Cllr Brewer reported on the laying of fibre optic cable by Energis for National Grid. Proposed that a letter be written to Energis re bad public relations. Query as to who had made the decision on the circuitous route which included Philcote Street, Chapel Square, Market Place. Cllr Brewer monitoring and photographing the works regularly. A letter to be written to Energis requesting explanation 2. 12 complaints received re footpaths needing repair. 3. More 30-mile limit signs needed. PC Donohue had offered assistance with parking problems. 4. Weed-killing on the Clifton footpath had not worked properly.

PLANNING & PROPERTY : 1. Duke of Cumberlands Head - internal & external alterations - no objection. 2. Merrybower Cottage, Philcote Street - construction of 2-storey extension & garage - agreed in principle. 3. Building west of St.Johns Church, Hempton : no observations. 4. Re-submission: land east of Bachelors Row, Hempton, now 2 houses only plus 6 parking bays; concern expressed re access and boundaries, refusal recommended. 5. Collapsed wall in the Tchure - letter to be sent to Cherwell DC about rebuilding this, owner to pay. 6. Alteration: boundary wall, Gegg's Lodge. 7. Refusal: parking area for anglers' cars, Boulderdyke Farm.

WINDMILL CENTRE : 1. Summer usage growing. Maintenance levels good but vandalism a problem. The Football Club had asked to put a junior pitch at the Windmill. There was discussion on the make-up of the DesignGro account.

PARISH FUNDS :£450,000.00 Bradford & Bingley b s Bonus 120 Account at 6.5%: £ 58,000.00 Treasury Deposit at 5.125%. £30,058.62 at 14 days notice at £4.375%. £46,857.12 overnight at 3%. Total: £584,195.74

General discussion on investing the sum of £ 20,000 in Sun Life Discretionary Management Service Trustee Income Portfolio with protected value. The Chairman suggested postponing a decision until the next meeting. The Clerk to investigate alternatives, members to study documentation. Cllr Oddy reported on his meeting with TechTRIX Ltd. on **CAMERA SECURITY** in the village. Cllrs agreed a referendum was needed to assess public concerns re lack of privacy, cost etc. A free survey by TechTRIX would cost nothing. The Chairman suggested applying to the Home Office for a grant. Cllr. Oddy to pursue. Plans are proceeding on **LOW COST HOUSING.**

CORRESPONDENCE : letters received from: Mr Boss re cutting cemetery hedge; Primary School thanking for help with gardens; Victim Support requesting help (£100 agreed); CAB Banbury requesting help (£150 agreed); OCC re approval of Traffic Management in Earl's Lane subject to submission of detailed drawing; copy of petition to Cllr Matthews re traffic problems from residents of Earl's Lane; new Envionmental Services Dept re amalgamation of OCC departments; OCC with questionnaire re Communities in Partnership; Cherwell Villager with new routes.

Next Meeting : Wednesday 18 September, 7.30 at the Town Hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEDDINGTON NEWS

We asked the DN's **first editor** to share how it was 20 years ago

In that long, hot summer of 1976, I took a phone call from Gerard Sullivan, then Chairman of the Windmill Committee (Windmill being the dilapidated old Secondary Modern School rather than today's purpose-built structure). He wanted to start a community newspaper and was trying to interest me in editing it. 'Why, who needs it?', was my immediate reaction - we seemed perfectly happy as we were. I was talked into the job and the first issue of **Deddington News** appeared in September 1976. My initial reluctance was confirmed by some general village suspicion, not to say hostility. Who were these 'whizz kids trying to tell us how to run this place'?, to quote one local worthy, now no longer with us.

But we had our supporters, not least the then vicar, George Palmer, who had the only printing machine in the area, a hand operated Gestetner duplicator (Ed.: see first letter of Postbag). We spent many long evenings with hands covered in black ink, George turning the handle, producing the sometimes legible pages. Robert Sansome, an architect living in Deddington at the time, hand drew each advertisement - and this was for a single issue, not the year's ads at a stroke. And we survived. I remember the excitement when Paul O'Sullivan, then editor of Steeple Aston Life, made a scanner available to us so that we could produce graphic covers depicting early photographs of Deddington. At the other extreme we had board covers printed for the Carnival 1981 special issue.

Inevitably there have been changes over the years. For the **DN**, technological advances have simplified the production process, and hopefully the financial situation is not as dire as at the outset. Deddington itself has changed: the relaxation in the 1980s of the Rural Structure Plan has brought many more homes for families. And these bring children into the school and customers into the local shops. Opposing sides fought over a controversial scheme for main road lighting which resulted in a most acceptable compromise. The two development schemes for the present Windmill Community Centre caused much agonising and nearly split the village for a time. But we are all still speaking to each other.

I believe **Deddington News** has been a vital contributing factor in this sense of cohesion. The present 20th anniversary is a credit to the many individuals who have made it work over the years - editors and helpers equally, but most of all the contributors without whom, as the saying goes, none of this would have been possible. You reflect a thriving community with its own very special character. You care about Deddington and what happens here. Long may you continue to comment on all issues, contentious or benign - and long may **Deddington News** continue to reflect those views honestly and fairly.

MARY ROBINSON (sadly not the Irish President but
DN Editor 1976-79, and Chairman of the Parish Council, 1983-85)

Browsing through that **first isssue of September 1976** brought a great feeling of Deddingtonian continuity. For example: *"Birth on 1st August to Mr. and Mrs. G. Fenemore of Home Farm, a daughter"*. The latter is now training to be a nurse at Stoke Mandeville, while her older sister gets into this month's DN - p.5 - From the Parish Register!

Some of the issues covered sound very familiar, like the open letter from Rowena Maskery: *"Rubbish: the subject has been raised time and time again ... all good intentions have failed to come to fruition ... Blame can be offloaded so easily - that 'invisible body' leaving a trail of destruction in his wake ... We really should be ashamed of ourselves letting our village go downhill at such a rapid pace..."* Hopefully we have improved?

There were reports of the doings of our *Churches, Deddington Ladies, Deddington & District Choral Society, Holly Tree Club, the W.I, and Deddington Guides and Brownies.* But how the clubs have proliferated - or are they just more vocal?

Enrolment evening was announced for half a dozen or so *Adult Education classes* at the then Windmill School. Think now of the manifold offerings - from cricket to karate, art to aerobics, a meeting place for the youngest to the oldest and all those in-between - at the Windmill Centre.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

We begin the new academic year with two new members of staff. Mrs K Lea, from Oxford, is teaching our oldest children and Mrs V. Stevens, who lives in Barford, has taken over from Pam DeSyllas as our Admin. Officer. We are also welcoming a large number of new children (about 20) to the school. Half of these are four year-olds, whilst the others are older children who have moved into the area.
We are, in fact, ready to receive enquiries and applications for admission to the school during the next academic year (1997-98). If your child was three before September 1, 1996, please get in touch with us. I should be very pleased to meet parents (and their youngsters!) and to offer an opportunity of seeing our newly refurbished school in action.

Peter Goringe, Headteacher

....and of a very special "JOSEPH"...

On Saturday 6 July there was a brand new production of **"Joseph"**, the Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical, at the Windmill Centre. This was a production with a difference: it was conceived, planned, organised, acted, directed and produced by 10 and 11 year-olds from Deddington Primary School. Adults were only involved (press-ganged?) to provide specialist services - they were not allowed to interfere in the enterprise itself.
It was a wonderful production; the talent, enthusiasm and courage the children showed was tremendous. All are to be congratulated. Not only did they put on a good evening's entertainment but they also raised £100 which they have given to Deddington School PTA. Look out world! - if this lot are achieving this now, what will they be doing when they grow up?

BRIDGET DOOLE

THE PAPER SKIP!! Please note that the end-of-month skip at the Vicarage has been discontinued. From now on a skip for newspapers and magazines will be **in the playground of the School** and can be used every day. Money raised will be shared by school and church.

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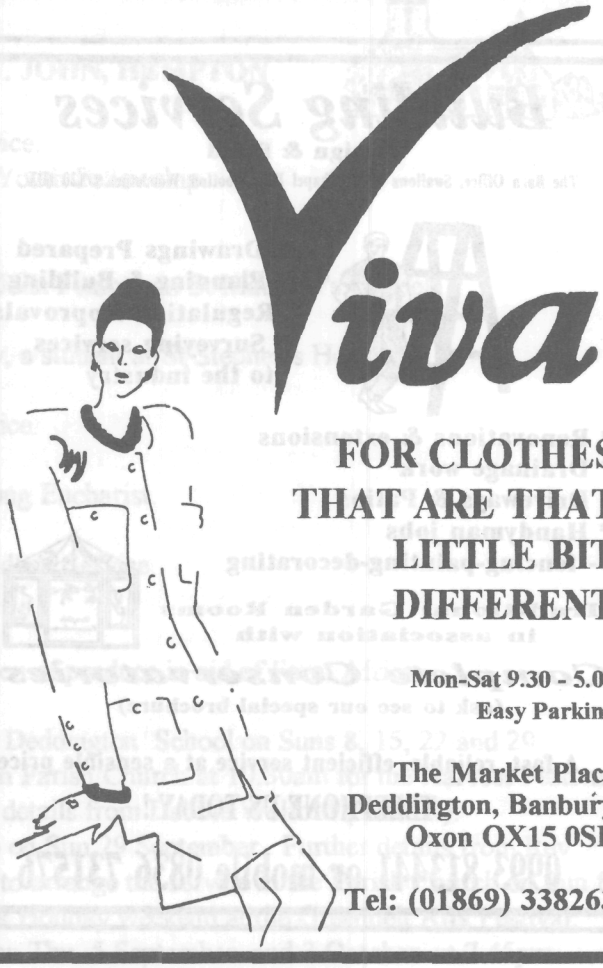

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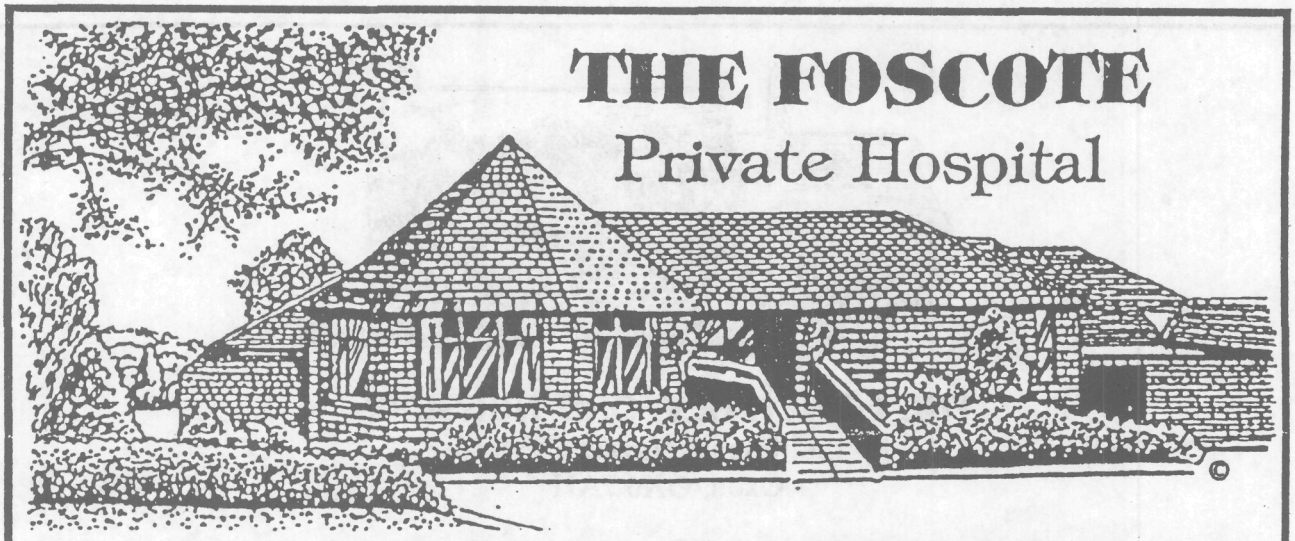

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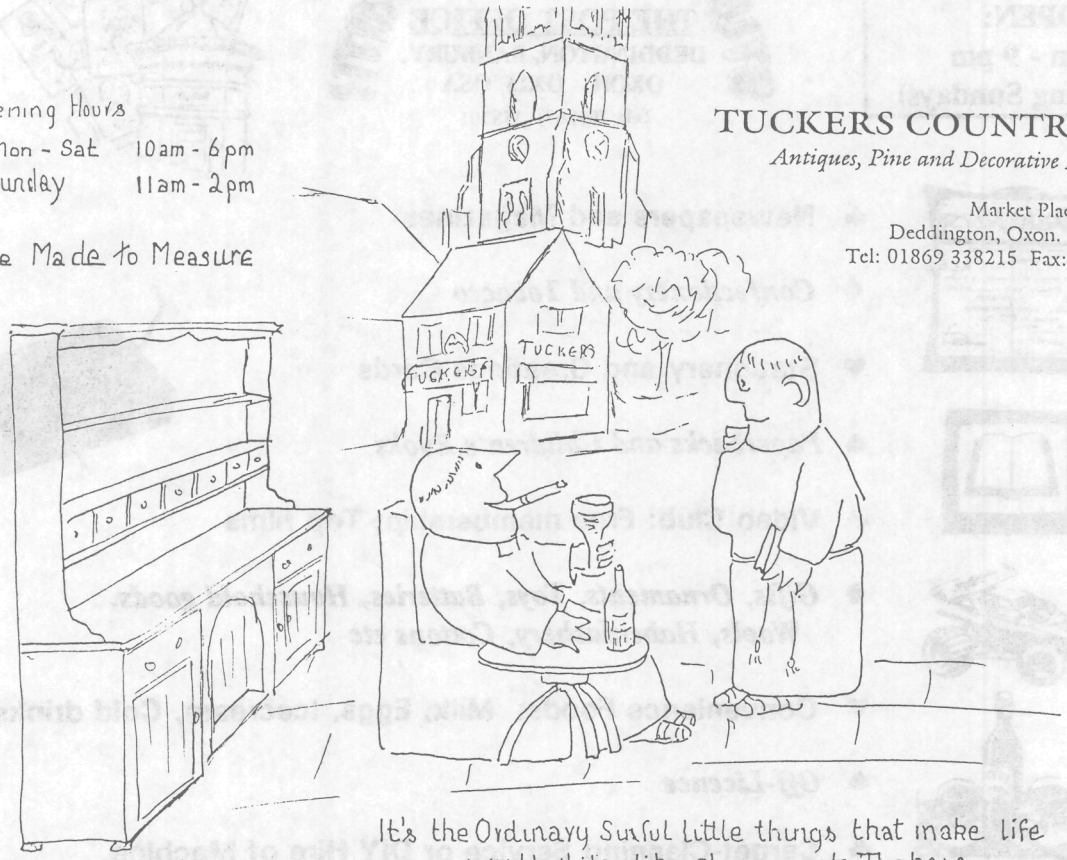

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2 August in Deddington Church, THOMAS (JOCK) MONAGHAN, aged 75 years.
19 August in Oxford Crematorium, JENNIFER MARGARET LOADER, aged 52 years.

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One World. Rachel Wadey is a Roman Catholic - Quaker studying for the priesthood at an Anglican theological college. She will be talking about her experience of working in the favellas of Recife in Brazil at the Knowle, Philcote Str. on Fri 20 Sept at 7.45pm.

TRIBUTES.

WILLIAM (BILL) ELLIOTT, CB. Bill and his wife, Karin, lived in Farthinghoe but were closely associated with Deddington. They were regular worshippers in the Parish Church and Bill undertook many pastoral visits to those in need. He was Hon Sec of the Holly Tree Club and, at the time of his death, was Hon Sec of the Deddington Day Care Centre. Bill served in HM Inspectorate of Schools 1937-72, being Senior Chief Inspector for the last three years. He also undertook much voluntary work, including for Cruse and recording books for blind university students. We extend our sympathy to Karin and her family. KEN REEVES.

THOMAS (JOCK) MONAGHAN Jock was born in Scotland of Irish ancestry. He came to Barford with the RAF in the last war, where he met Edith and they married before the end of the war. They moved to the Paddocks, Deddington when the houses were first built, where Jock and Edith raised nine children. After he left the railways, he had a waste paper and scrap metal business and, also served on the Banbury and District Council. After his retirement he was often seen exercising his black poodle. We extend our sympathy to Edith and her family. KEN REEVES.

JENNIFER MARGARET LOADER, aged 52 years. Jenny was a relative newcomer to Deddington. A gifted and energetic person, Jenny was a computing expert, working for AT & T ISTEL, and was known for her folk and Scottish dancing. She was a local historian, hill-walker and lover of the British countryside. Generous-hearted and talented, we thank God for her fulfilled and active life. We extend our sympathy to Jenny's partner, Bill, her parents, sister and other members of the family. EDMUND NEWELL

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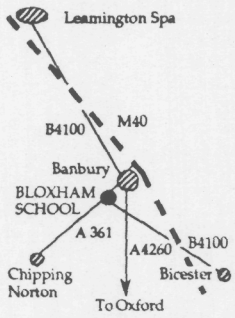

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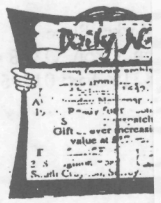

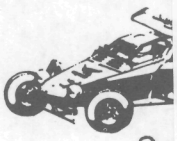

have an auction of produce during the evening to help us raise funds. Many businesses and individuals in the village have agreed to help us by bringing donations of produce to the club at mid-day on the 7th. We are very grateful to them. Please come along and support our informal auction; the proceeds help us to continue our social work.

Another important event in our social programme is lavishly advertised in this issue. It is our own way of celebrating the 75th anniversary of the formation of the British Legion. Please come along on 28 September.

Deddington was represented at the recent Burma Star Association Commemoration at Bodicote in August. Dennis Freeman carried our standard, and together with our President Arthur Lewis, he joined 500 veterans of the Burma Campaign. The service included the Kohima Epitaph which helps to explain the role and responsibility of the British Legion.

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ROBIN HARRISON 337361

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We were delighted to welcome back Mr.George Colbran of Banbury who entertained us with a selection of his own verses covering a range of subjects from cats to holidays. It is always a pleasure to listen to Hazel Hall and John Cheney, whose individual talents complement each other so well. Both afternoons were fun and relaxing. The trips to Broughton Castle and the Cogges Museum were very successful and the cream teas were enjoyed by all. Luckily these were preceded by some walking, and in the case of Broughton Castle, climbing exercises.

An interesting programme has been arranged for the Autumn and we are always delighted to welcome new members. Please contact me for details

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The Youth Club was previously highly valued by the youngsters attending and it seems a good opportunity for arranging something interesting for them to do during the Autumn and Winter months.
If you feel this is a worthwhile effort and that you can positively contribute to it, then contact me. Please remember that without active support the Youth Club will not be able to operate this year.

IAN PUTT 337103

DEDDINGTON GUIDES

What a summer we've had! We've been to camp - again ! Charlotte took a patrol to Horley and they helped her gain her Patrol Camp Permit - a fine achievement!
We took all the Brownies for a cook-out - bangers and beans - with everyone helping to cook over the camp fire.... and marshmallows taste so good when toasted over the embers on a fork!
It was a terrific success with the Guides and Brownies having plenty of chance to get to know each other. We now have 20+ Brownies all wanting to be Guides as soon as they can.
Other activities this summer have included swimming and barbecue, building shelters in the woods, assault course and stream walking.
So a very busy term with a great variety of happenings was brought to a marvellous close when our Robin Hood Patrol - Charlotte, Amy, Sarah and Heather won the cup !! The Cherwell Division competition trophy is 31 years old and we've been trying to win it since 1971 and we've finally done it! What excitement, well done Guides.
We meet next on Tuesday, 10 September 7-9pm at the Windmill Centre. All girls over 10 are very welcome. Come along and meet us and join the fun.
We already have great plans for September with a hike and 5-A-Side football tournament in our diaries and our 25th birthday celebrations, so lots to look forward to.

(MRS) MAGGIE RAMPLEY, GUIDER 01295/810069

BROWNIES

As usual, the Brownies have been busy throughout the year. We have been to church last Mothering Sunday and the annual St.George's Day service in Banbury, to Brownie Revels (a lovely party on Adderbury playing field), swimming by kind permission of Mr.and Mrs.Blenkoff, enjoyed a cook-out and sing-song with the Guides, and the high-light of the year so far: Pack Holiday at Finmere Village Hall. 19 Brownies and 4 adults spent three nights there celebrating the "Brownie Olympic Games"; we took part in sports, cooking, jewel-making, quizzes, swimming and even an outing to the Little Chef at Bicester was incorporated into the theme - rather stretching it, I must admit! The four national flags of the United Kingdom were paraded in front of their teams and the Olympic torch lit by the youngest Brownie. Anyway, we had a lot of fun and all came home exhausted. I particularly want to thank Moira Byast and Ruth Wood who came with me for the whole time, Barbara Coles for two days, and Sue Steven who was invaluable on the last day, and who all had to go to work the next day for a rest.
As a result of the Pack Holiday the Brownies all gained their Pack Holiday and Cooks Stage One badges, and Caroline White, Fern Spengler, Ashley Robinson, Victoria Risato, Emma Rogers, Lucy McCurdy, Laura Hackett and Jamie Gibbard their Advanced Pack Holiday badge. Other badges earned this year have included Friend to Animals, Hostess, Swimmer, First Aid and House Orderly.
Freya and Alice Gye have joined us, and we have said farewell and good luck to Victoria and Nicola Risato, Caroline White, Laura Hackett, Lucy McCurdy and Scarlett Hampton.
Our first meeting of the autumn term is on Tuesday, 10 September, as usual at the Windmill centre at 5.15pm, when we look forward to welcoming several new members.

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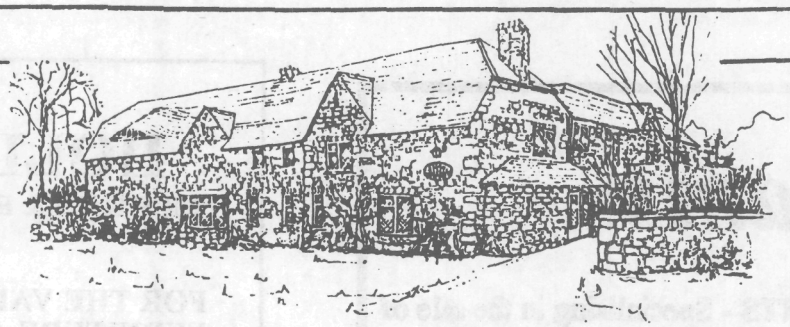

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The Panto season is fast approaching and soon we will need to start rehearsals for the production of THE SNOW QUEEN in January (16th-18th). We will be rehearsing at the Windmill on Wednesdays (7.30pm) and Sundays (3pm) in November and December with a more concentrated period in the New Year to ensure all is ready for opening night. Before the Panto opens we plan to install curtains and so enhance the facilities of the Windmill.

If you are interested in participating in any way - acting, stage-hands, costumes, props, Front of House, set building or painting, publicity, sound, lighting etc, etc, please come along to the first read through/auditions on Sunday 6 October in the Windmill at 3pm. If this is not possible, and you would like to participate please contact me.

JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

Here are two dates for your diaries.

On 25 September, 7.30pm we shall have a talk by Mr.Hardy of Pershore on "The Herbaceous Border". This will be at the Holly Tree Club; £1 for members and £1.50 for non-members (including refreshments). We hope many members and their friends will come.

On 9 October we are going to take part in an inter-village Gardeners Quiz at Aynho Village Hall. The evening starts at 8pm (Entrance 50p each). We have found four volunteers to represent Deddington, but members of the audience will also be given a question sheet, so they can take part. It promises to be an entertaining evening.

ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

In mid August as our bowling season draws towards its climax we can already report a most creditable performance by Deddington Bowlers both on our splendid Green at the Windmill and away around the county. So far we have played 30; Won 11, Lost 19. These figures belie the underlying strength of our performances including some very close finishes. Eleven teams took part in the club pairs in showery conditions on 10 August. Club Chairman Derek Robinson and Roy Withey beat Royston Kinch and Peter Taylor in an exciting play-off. There are just two home matches in September, Botley Park and Bloxham (4th). Everyone is looking forward to our Race Night on 5 October, 7.30pm at Steeple Aston Village Hall. Entrance £3.50 to include Race Card and hot supper. A very enjoyable and exciting event is guaranteed, so bring your friends and have a flutter! Own your own horse for £5 - you could be a winning owner. There are only a limited number of horses, so first come, first served. Dress up for the races to add to the fun. Bar available - licence applied for. The evening will also feature the Grand Draw, so bring your tickets.

A club indoor bowls weekend tour is being organised to the Moonfleet Centre at Weymouth for 30 November to 2 December. Inclusive cost will be about £100. Please book your place now with John Boyt on 338897.

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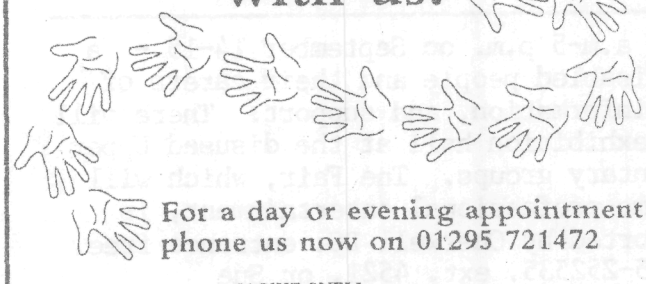

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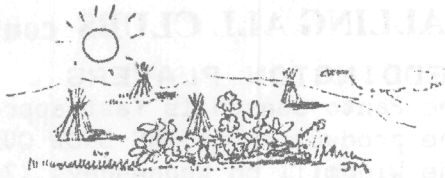

What a difference a year can make. This time last year we finished harvest on the 15 August; by the same date this year we had not started to cut the wheat. We have sold all but a few of the fat lambs this year but last year most were not sold until October/November and we had to give extra feed to the ewes to get them into a fit condition to take the ram. This year they are too fat and will have to be 'stocked tight' to get some weight off. Harvest to date has been a slow and frustrating job. The oil seed rape and oats were badly laid and had to be cut one way which meant driving to the opposite end of the field each time, but we got it done and the yields seem quite good. We shall know more when it is sold away. The set aside has been ploughed, limed and cultivated ready for next year's oil seed rape. The recent rain has helped us to get a good tilth.

Harvesting has changed a great deal over the years. Father bought his first combine in 1941, a Minneapolis-Moline tractor-drawn machine with a 6ft. cutter bar and then in 1951 he bought a self-propelled Massey Harris 726 bagger combine with an Austin New Age petrol paraffin engine and an 8ft.6in. cutter bar and it cost £825 new. He had to get permission from the Ministry of Agriculture to buy it and agree to do contract work and pay for it before it was built. We needed a minimum of 5 men for harvest, 2 on the combine and 3 to pick up the sacks of grain and cart them. Today we need just 2 men to do the work on 4 or 5 times the acreage and a new combine can cost anything from £ 70,000 to £ 100,000 plus!

Not many farms had driers and if the grain came in wet the sacks were stood out on the barn floor with the tops opened back and a dry stick pushed in and left to dry. Most of the grain was milled or rolled and fed to the livestock on the farm (dairy cows, beef cattle, sheep, pigs). Today all the grain is sold off the farm: the milling wheat for bread, breakfast cereals, biscuits or pasta feed wheats for animal feed, starch and gluten extraction or distilling oats. We feed some to the sheep and the rest is sold for human consumption (porridge oats, muesli etc.) and the beans for animal feed. The oilseed rape (the yellow peril to some people) is perhaps the most versatile crop we grow. It is crushed to produce vegetable oils for cooking and in margarine. It also replaces whale oil used in the manufacture of precision tools. Extracts from it are used in the manufacture of plastics and cosmetics and it can be distilled into a fuel oil for diesel engines. Your car may smell like a fish and chip van but at least it is environmentally friendly and the meal that is left after crushing can be used as a protein additive in animal feed.

GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

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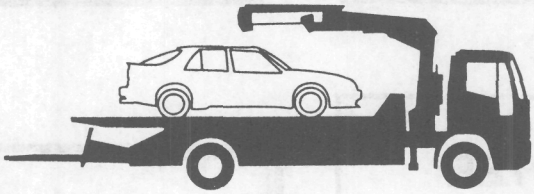

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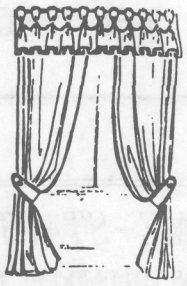

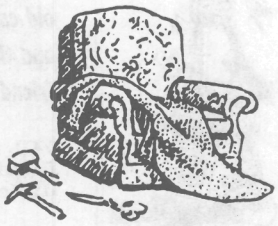

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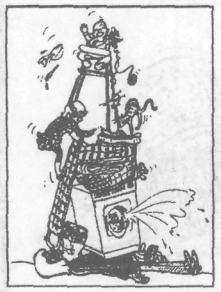

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* Does anyone know when all the thatch disappeared?

...a fitting preface to this month's report **DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE**

Fire Calls During the last two months we have received 33 calls: 1 to rubbish on fire in an air shelter, and a pile of hay, on Barford Air Field; 1 to a railway embankment fire; 2 kitchen fires; 3 calls to a barn fire at Cropredy; 2 house fires; 2 calls to standing crops on fire; 1 car fire; 1 settee dumped on the grass verge and set alight; 1 road traffic accident; 1 shop door on fire; 1 fire in a derelict building at Tadmarton House; 4 false alarms with good intent; 3 defects on automatic alarms; 2 malicious false alarm, and 8 calls to stand by at other stations. This makes a total of 100 calls to date, which is 58 fewer than this time last year, due to the fact that the station is off the run from 7 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. because of insufficient crew.

We have 1 new applicant who is undergoing the various entry tests, but once again this person can only give cover at nights and week-ends. We are still, therefore, desperate for day cover personnel.

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FROM MRS NORA ST. CLAIR M. PALMER, WALLINGFORD, OXON.
I love to receive the Deddington News and re-live the fifteen happy years we spent in the Vicarage from July 1963 to October 1978. I do congratulate you all on the size and content of the magazine twenty years on. I remember my husband offered to duplicate the magazine after various volunteers had typed it. Mrs. McGregor of Chapel Square used to bring her little girl, Helen ... and the latter began to be bored when the study floor was strewn with piles of numbered pages! (she was only three or four).... It was certainly a labour of love, but it continued and flourished. I am so glad. Your attractive cover illustrates the variety of interests and talents in the parish today, and I wish you every success in the years ahead.

MRS EDITH MONAGHAN, MILL CLOSE, DEDDINGTON
My family and I would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words of sympathy on the recent death of my husband Thomas (Jock) Monaghan. We would also like to thank in particular the Rev. Ken Reeves and Rev. Ed Newell for the Church Service commemorating his life, Di Keats and her helpers at the British Legion for the reception at the Club following the funeral and PC Bob Donohue and his colleague for their assistance with traffic control during the funeral cortege.

FROM W.F.M. HUNT, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON
Since supplying the DN with a copy of the PLEA* which was submitted by members of the Proletariat living in Earls Lane to their Lords and Masters on Deddington PC a reply has been received from the Clerk to the Council indicating that the delay in dealing with the serious traffic problems in Earls Lane has been due to the failure to act of Oxfordshire County Council and outlining the scheme which is now planned. Unfortunately this scheme is inadequate to deal with the problems and Deddington PC have been asked (1) If they are prepared to loan the plans for a short period for residents to study, or (2) To permit a small delegation to visit the Clerk's Office to inspect the plans. The signatories to the PLEA would then submit their suggestions regarding what is required to end their suffering.
(**Ed.note:** * the petition by residents of Earls Lane referred to in PC Report)

FROM MAUREEN DEW, CASTLE BARNS, DEDDINGTON
I would like to thank householders in Castle Street who contributed to the British and International Sailors' Society in a recent collection. Although we are as far from the sea as Midlanders can be it has not hindered your generosity. Thank you.

FROM ALAN & MAGGIE RAMPLEY (late of Deddington), ST MARY'S RD, ADDERBURY
We're delighted to announce the recent marriage of our eldest son Greg to Dale Burrows of Redondo Beach, California, USA, on August 2 at Bellingham, Washington State. Anyone who knows Greg will expect the unconventional and the wedding, a lively, happy occasion, was certainly that ... the bride and groom in bare feet, the best man with blue hair, etc... We are thrilled to welcome a new member of the family and hope to have a delayed celebration at a later date in the UK.

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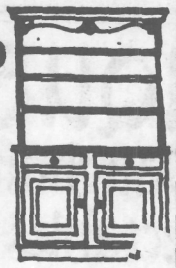

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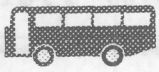

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At two meetings at the Windmill Centre (July 10 and August 19) the Woodland Trust confirmed the acquisition of the Bloxham Bridge site for 'our' wood and many of its future aspects were discussed.

Jamie Robinson, currently studying Environmental Management at Manchester Metropolitan University, will be the DN's Woodland Correspondent and will give more details next month. For the moment the basic agreed facts are these:

Name: **Daeda's Wood** Type: riverine woodland featuring especially willows, alder, ash, oak, poplar, osier, in varying density; also incorporating a wildflower meadow. Access: Paths providing circular routes, some suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

Following the first meeting many of us walked down to Bloxham Bridge on a truly golden summer's evening. Access to the field was limited by the standing crop of barley, but the potential of this delightful site by the twisting course of the Swere was patent.

Community Planting Day has been fixed for **Sunday, 24 November.** More details in future issues, but we'll be needing as many pairs of hands - and spades - as can be mustered!!

C H O I C E S ... Earlier we began an occasional series on unusual hobbies - to date mainly supplied by members of the DN team! **FRANK STEINER** now writes:

This is more an unusual interest than a hobby. I feel one can do more good to the poor and deprived in underdeveloped countries by helping them to help themselves than by merely 'doling out' help. This is clearly essential in some places but frequently it involves less effort and if provided thoughtlessly can do more harm than good. Damage has been done to indigenous agriculture in certain African countries from 'food aid', i.e. gifts of food or subsidized exports of food from Western agri-business. It is better to adopt Helder Camara's maxim of "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime". Two organisations engaged in these methods are represented in North Oxfordshire:

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SHARED INTEREST helps to provide development finance for individuals, cooperatives and other groups who could otherwise not obtain it. Members of this Newcastle-based organisation subscribe funds on which they can obtain interest similar to that from a building society, or can waive the interest altogether. This enables locals to help themselves - and do so without local moneylenders or usurers.

Information on the Oxford group of Intermediate Technology can be obtained in Oxford from John Burrows, 20 Linkside Avenue, Oxford - telephone 52885) or in Deddington from Canon Hall (338225) or Frank Steiner (338264). SHARED INTEREST has just appointed Merlin Willcox, Keble College, Oxford, as Oxon. representative. He will be glad to supply information or address meetings.

(Ed. note: We'd still like to hear from the rest of you....)

DEDDINGTON DAY CARE After the first tentative steps in April, Deddington Day Care is now well established. Held every Thursday at the Windmill Centre, we now have 11 people who are looked after by a team of volunteers under the supervision of Mrs Lorraine Gaunt. On August 29 the group had a day trip to Cogges Manor Farm Museum. Our thanks to everyone involved, including Thursday volunteers, Deddington School who provide the hot meals in term-time and the pubs and local people who provide the meals during the holidays. All help is greatly appreciated.

More volunteers always needed! Just an hour once a month to either drive or help at the centre would be extremely welcome. If you know of anyone who would like to join the group please contact Social Services on 01295-252421. **Kath Morris**

Copy date for OCTOBER DEDDINGTON NEWS: September 24

GARDENING NOTES

If you intend to sow broad beans (Aquadulce Claudia) or early peas (Round smooth seeded) in late Autumn to overwinter, you might consider making a cheap cloche as follows: get a coil of galvanised wire of a thick grade; it is not expensive. Cut the wire into four foot lengths and bend into a half circle. Place the wires over your seed bed about 12 inches apart. Attach canes along the top and tie to the wire hoops. This gives the finished cloche rigidity. Cover the framework with horticultural fleece and bury the edges with earth. Remove the cover when spring comes and the plants are a few inches high. They will grow away quickly.

OLIVER HAWES

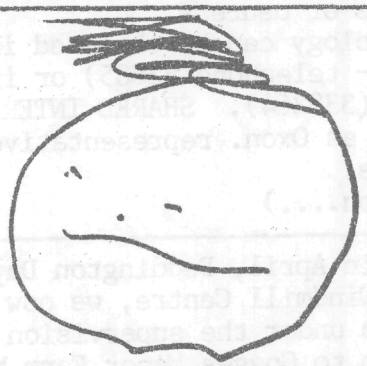
The question of whether you nurse something along or just compost it arises some time in every gardener's life. I once planted a Nectarine. It was a healthy (and expensive) little tree. It was given a favoured sunny position by a wall. It was fed and lovingly spoken to. Its yearly cycle went something like this. The blossoms, beautiful and pink, came much too early, so I had to protect them from frosts at night. Moreover the absence of insects meant that I had to hand-pollinate each bloom with a bit of cotton wool. As a result about half a dozen actually set. When the leaves came out they had leaf-curl and looked dreadful. I was advised to decorate the tree with Camphor Moth rings. That didn't stop the leaf-curl but looked quite bizarre. Finally, two Nectarines seemed willing to go to full term. When they were nearly ripe ants got at them. After three or four years of this I dug up the tree and took it to the tip.
I now grow things that look nice and are suitable for our soil and climate. No more heroics.

MARIANNE ELSLEY

(Ed.note: if you have any gardening gems to share, we'd love to hear from you.)

WINDMILL CENTRE Use of the centre continues to increase and we are pleased with the number and range of clubs, groups and individuals who use these excellent facilities. Improvements made this summer include installing a ramp at the lounge entrance (paid for by Deddington Day Care), tarmacing paths to eliminate invasive stones, and paving the pathway into the Tots' play area. Deddington Players plan to improve the stage area before their Panto in January.
Vandalism continues to be a concern. Recently the Deddington Football sign was doused in petrol and set alight; luckily no major damage was caused, but... The culprits appear to be the same four young lads linked to previous incidents here and elsewhere in the village. We have also had tiles broken by stones thrown at the roof of the Cricket pavilion, and the markers from the Bowling green thrown around, damaging the green. If anybody witnesses further incidents, please report them to the Police or a member of the Committee.
A few dog owners are causing problems despite notices and receptacles provided. Please respect the area, which is used by many of the parish: take a plastic bag with you when walking your dog and clean up if necessary.

JIM FLUX (338153)



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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

July 14 was a busy day for many. Dr. and Mrs. Shafighian opened their garden to the public as helpers toiled to bake cakes and provide refreshments for their visitors. Meanwhile other Friends had laid on a most interesting display of agricultural and domestic "Bygones" in St. John's newly decorated schoolroom. Exhibits varied from a unique tractor and plough to a doll's pram and glove stretcher, an assortment of farming implements, 19th century books and Bills of Sale. Thanks are due, both to the generous lenders and to the Friends who so enthusiastically collected and labelled everything. Church funds benefited from the teas and from donations at the exhibition.

On 28 July Mr. Wayne Grant invited us to hold our evening service as a Songs of Praise in the grounds of Chapel House. A large congregation turned out, together with Deddington Church Choir, and the setting was beautiful. Alas, we had scarcely finished the first hymn when the heavens opened and we had to move hastily into the Church. (Who said the sun shines on the righteous?) However, community spirit triumphed against the elements; we enjoyed singing our favourite hymns and hearing an interesting variety of readings. I just hope the choir's cassocks have not shrunk and that the keyboard wasn't ruined. Mr. Grant has gallantly renewed his invitation; many thanks to him.

NAN HARRIS 338039

POLICE NEWS

Reported crime for the Parish from 1 January - 30 June 1996: Autocrime 13 (25); Damage 4 (6); Burglary 5 (2); Theft 4 (3). The figures in brackets relate to the same period in 1995.

Autocrime refer to theft from and of motor vehicles; from this total only 2 motor vehicles have been stolen. 3 burglaries were at business addresses, including the British Legion twice. Thefts are shoplifting and the damage was at the Church, Windmill Centre and Castle Grounds sports field.

All autocrime is committed at night so no property should be left in cars parked overnight. Damage to property is caused by a few youths from the Parish who are known. However, parishioners are so far reluctant to provide me with statements. 1 youth was detained; no charges but his parents had to pay £300 to the owner of the property he damaged.

PC BOB DONOHUE

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The **North & West Oxon Carers' Centre** are now at their new (and newly refurbished) premises: **27 Horsefair, Banbury (Admin. 01295-264545; Carers' Line 0345-125546).** There's a coffee morning every Wed at 10.30 for coffee and a chat. (See Diary for Carers' Drop-in each month at Deddington Health Centre.)

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Also at the Parish Church on the following **Sat. Sept. 14 at 7.30 pm** local musicians Ben and Catherine Elvidge are giving a **free concert of flute, piano and organ music**: refreshments available and a collection taken at the end in aid of Banbury Habitat For Humanity. HFH is an international Christian organisation aiming to eliminate poor housing by working with families in need to build decent, affordable homes. The first two HFH homes in Britain will be built in Banbury this autumn by volunteers alongside the families themselves. HFH is also supporting projects in Eastern Europe and Africa. More info from **Renny Gye (337303)**

Then, remember the sell-out success when Adrian Snell came to Deddington Church last November? This acclaimed contemporary Christian musician will perform his latest work **City of Peace** on **Oct. 15 at Oxford Town Hall** as part of a major European tour. Through Adrian's unique fusion of rock, classical and jazz styles, this work explores the Jewish roots of the Christian faith and the continuing journey of hope for Jerusalem. The fine international cast will be augmented by Deddington and local area singers, co-ordinated by Ben Elvidge. Deddingtonians Steve Neasham and Andy Miller, who will be acting as "Roadies" during the tour, tell us that we should be seeing a return visit to Deddington from Adrian next year. Tickets (£8 & £10) and further info from **Ed Newell (338988) or Alastair Welford (338484)** who will arrange a special coach if sufficient interest.

The **Warriner Choral Society** are looking for recruits to their friendly choir (no audition, and ability to read music advantageous but not essential). They particularly need tenors and sopranos, but bases and altos would also be made welcome! Rehearsals for their next concert (Purcell & Vivaldi, St. Mary's, Bloxham, Nov. 2) are at 7.45 p.m. in the Warriner School each term-time Tues. from Sept. 10. Further info from **Thelma Spratt (01295-730671).**

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DISAPPEARED ! August 14 from The Leyes: **a plain black cat** called Peter. Undistinguished but much cherished. If seen or found please contact K. Thompson, 337052

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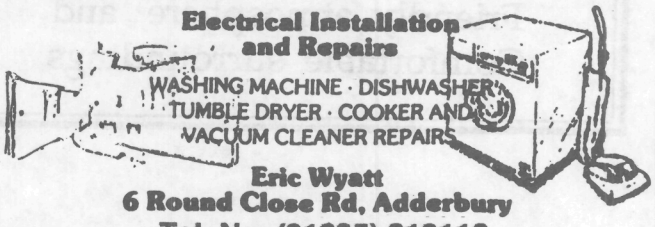

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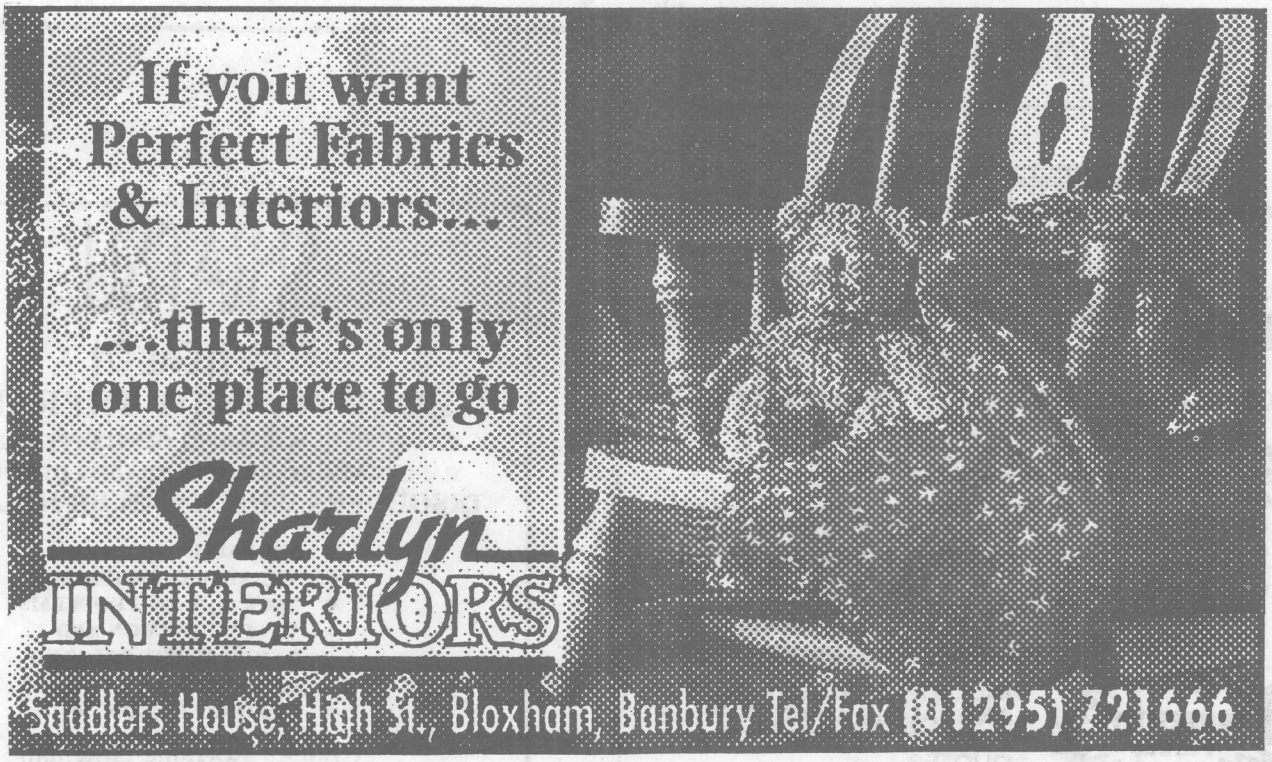

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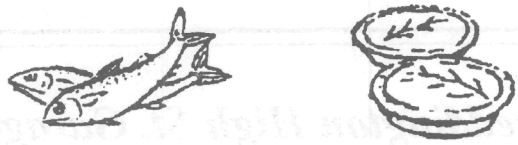

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